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SIGMA PHI EPSILON

CHARLESTON, IL--During the recent installation of the Illinois Nu Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Eastern Illinois University, three Charleston residents, including former EIU president Stan Rives, were initiated into the fraternity as honorary members.

Rives; Christopher Youstra, EIU graduate student in piano; and Dallas Watson, retired telegraph operator and stationmaster for the N & W Railroad, were recognized through the Renaissance of Brotherhood, a program in which outstanding community, academic, and public leaders are honored for their service.

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According to Ron Smothers, chapter president, Rives was initiated "as a model for community service and academic leadership and especially for his role in creating Eastern's Greek Court Complex."

Of Youstra's initiation, Craig Tafel, the chapter's Greek Sing director, said, "Chris supported our efforts with his time and talent throughout our preparations for the performance. Winning Greek Sing could not have been possible without his belief that a group of musically untrained men could be singers."

Watson was recognized for his 50-year career and for his life as a model citizen.

After a probationary period of more than two years, the installation of the Illinois Nu chapter, founded by six undergraduates and faculty advisor Charles Eberly, associate professor of educational psychology and guidance, marks the 259th active chapter of the national fraternity.

"It was a pleasure to install such an outstanding group," said Gary Griffiths, member of Sigma Phi Epsilon's National Board of Directors. "These men have demonstrated their leadership in individual contributions to their University, their achievement as a top chapter among fraternities scholastically, their participation in intramural activities, and their record of service to the community."